Killings of wild animals in wild life sanctuaries

3914. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nexus between poachers and corrupt forest officials has been responsible for most of the killings of wild animals in wild life sanctuaries;

(b) the number of wild cats like lions, tigers, leopards etc. found killed or missing in mysterious circumstances during 2004-05 in different sanctuaries;

(c) whether any official/poacher found involved in killing of wild cats was brought to took; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No such nexus has been reported.

(b) The mortality figures of wild cats (lion, leopard & tiger) as reported by States during 2004-05 is as under:-

Sl.No.	Species	2004	2005
1.	Tiger	8	2
2.	Leopard	25	90
3.	Lion	1	-

(c) and (d) Details of prosecution and conviction of individual wildlife poaching cases are not collated at the Government of India level.

Project on coastal and marine bio-diversity

3915. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALAIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a co-ordinated project on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity has been launched in the year 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the objectives of the project;

(c) the current status of its implementation, particularly in regard to the conservation of mangroves, coral reefs and other marine lives in the coastal zone;

(d) whether Government issued a Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification in 1991 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

(e) if so, the salient objectives envisaged therein;

(f) whether any review of the status of its implementation has been carried out; and

(g) if so, State/UT-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The three basic objectives are, namely, Survey and Inventorisation of Marine Flora and Fauna, Training and Capacity Building and Establishment of the Database Network. At present, 17 projects have been approved in all for Conservation of Coastal & Marine Biodiversity. The Research, Conservation & Management of Mangroves & Coral Reefs are also supported under Schemes specifically designed to promote conservation of these two marine resources.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991, declares coastal stretches of seas, bays, estuaries, creeks, rivers and backwaters, which are influnced by tidal action (in the landwide side) up to 500 meters from the High Tide Line (HTL) and the land between the Low Time Line (LTL) and the High Tide Line as Coastal Regulation Zone. The Notification regulates all developmental activities in the CRZ area.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. The implementation of Coastal Regulation Zone was reviewed in the National Workshop on 'Coastal Regulation Notification, 1991' held in Chennai in June, 2004 and also by the Expert Committee constituted under Prof. M.S. Swaminathan In July, 2004.

All 13 Coastal States/Union Territories namely, Gujarat, Daman and Diu, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar, Orissa, West Bengal and Pondicherry has sought assistance for strengthening of the existing capacity, infrastructure development, adequate financial outlay for preparing the revised Coastal Zone Management Plans, for preparation of Integrated Zone Management Plans and for initiating awareness and training programmes.

Excessive use of Chemcial Fertilizers

†3916. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the ill-effects of excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides on agricultural land and rural health;

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